

The amendment to the Laws offered at last meeting was considered. The Librarian gave proof of advertisement.

By the requisite vote, Chap. viii, Sec. 3, was amended by striking out "10 A.M. to 1 P.M.," and inserting "at such hours as the Society may fix by resolution from time to time."

The rough minutes were then read, and the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, February 7, 1896.*

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from Prof. George H. Smith, Los Angeles, Cal., expressing grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the Society, in publishing his essay, and presenting him with two hundred and fifty copies.

A letter from Mr. Benjamin Sharp, Philadelphia, requesting for the Academy of Natural Sciences the privilege of having a microscopical examination made of two pieces of Jade, deposited in the Museum of the Academy. On motion, this request was referred to the Curators.

Acknowledgments were received from the Institut Egyptien, Cairo (147); K. K. Bergakademie, Leoben, Austria (92-107, 110, 111, 113-120, 125-133, 135-147); K. K. Zoolog-botanische Gesellschaft, Vienna, Austria (147); Schlesische Gesellschaft für vaterl. Cultur, Breslau, Prussia (147); Naturhistorische Gesellschaft, Hannover, Prussia (147); Naturhistorische Gesellschaft, Nürnberg, Bavaria (147); Verein für Naturkunde, Offenbach-a.-M., Germany (143, 146, 147); K. Geodätisches Institut, Potsdam, Prussia (147); Biblioteca N. C., Firenze, Italia (147); R. Istituto di Scienze, etc., Milan, Italy (143, 146); Observatorio di Torino, Torino, Italia (147, and *Trans.*, xviii, 2); Prof. G. Sergi, Rome, Italy (147); Commission des Annales des Mines

(147 and *Trans.*, xviii, 2); Musée Guimet, Paris, France (147); Literary and Philosophical Society, Liverpool, Eng. (147, and *Trans.*, xviii, 2); Mass. Historical Society, Boston, Mass. (147); Prof. Edward S. Morse, Salem, Mass. (147); Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. (147); Museo Nacional, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic (147).

Acknowledgments (148) were received from Dr. Alfred R. C. Selwyn, Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada; Laval University, Hon. J. M. Le Moine, Quebec, Canada; Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Me.; N. H. Historical Society, Concord; Boston Society of Natural History, Mass.; Historical Society, Boston Athenæum, Mass. Institute of Technology, State Library of Massachusetts, Dr. Samuel A. Green, Boston, Mass.; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Profs. Alexander Agassiz, N. W. Goodwin, F. W. Putnam, Dr. Justin Winsor, Mr. Robert N. Toppan, Cambridge, Mass.; Essex Institute, Prof. Edward S. Morse, Salem, Mass.; Prof. Elihu Thomson, Swampscot, Mass.; Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Holl, Mass.; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; Brown University, Providence Franklin Society, R. I. Historical Society, Providence; Mr. George F. Dunning, Farmington, Conn.; Conn. Historical Society, Hartford; Prof. H. A. Newton, New Haven, Conn.; Prof. James Hall, Albany, N. Y.; Society of Natural Science, Buffalo, N. Y.; Prof. Edward North, Clinton, N. Y.; Profs. J. M. Hart, W. T. Hewett, Ithaca, N. Y.; Historical Society, N. Y. Hospital, Columbia College, N. Y. Academy of Medicine, N. Y. Academy of Science, Astor Library, Amer. Museum of Natural History, Hon. James C. Carter, Messrs. Thos. C. Clarke, James Douglas, Profs. Isaac H. Hall, J. J. Stevenson, New York, N. Y.; Vassar Brothers' Institute, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Geological Society of America, Rochester, N. Y.; Prof. W. Le Conte Stevens, Troy, N. Y.; Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.; U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.; Free Public Library, Jersey City, N. J.; Prof. Robert W. Rogers, Madison, N. J.; Natural History Society, Trenton, N. J.; Dr. R. H. Alison, Ardmore, Pa.;

Prof. Martin H. Boyé, Coopersburg, Pa.; Amer. Academy of Medicine, Dr. Traill Green, Prof. J. W. Moore, Rev. Thos. C. Porter, Easton, Pa.; Mr. John Fulton, Johnstown, Pa.; Prof. L. B. Hall, Haverford, Pa.; Linnean Society, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. J. W. Robins, Merion, Pa.; Library Company, Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, Drs. Edward Foggo, Persifor Frazer, Sara Y. Stevenson, Messrs. H. Clay Trumbull, Joel Cook, Patterson Du Bois, Robert Patterson, Benjamin Sharp, Charles Stewart Wurts, Ellis Yarnall, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. F. A. Muhlenberg, Reading, Pa.; Mr. Thos. S. Blair, Tyrone, Pa.; Mr. Philip P. Sharples, West Chester, Pa.; Wyoming Historical Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Col. Henry A. Du Pont, Winterthur, Del.; Maryland Institute, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. T. L. Patterson, Cumberland, Md.; U. S. Artillery Staff, Fort Monroe, Va.; Hon. J. R. Tucker, Lexington, Va.; Mr. Jed. Hotchkiss, Staunton, Va.; Ga. Historical Society, Savannah; Cincinnati Observatory, Cincinnati, O.; Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus, O.; Editors of *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, Granville, O.; Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.; Prof. J. L. Campbell, Crawfordsville, Ind.; University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.; Field Columbian Museum, Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.; Geological Survey of Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo.; State Historical Society of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Ia. Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids; Academy of Natural Sciences, Davenport, Ia.; State Historical Society, Iowa City, Ia.; Editor of the *Kansas University Quarterly*, Lawrence, Kans.; Academy of Science, Washburn College, Topeka, Kans.; University of California, Prof. Joseph Le Conte, Berkeley, Cal.; Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Cal.; State Mining Bureau, Cal. Historical Society, Prof. George Davidson, San Francisco, Cal.; Prof. J. C. Branner, Stamford University, Cal.; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Kingston, R. I.; Storrs, Conn.; Experiment, Ga.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Agricultural College, Mich.; Manhattan, Kans.; Lincoln, Neb.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Tucson, Arizona.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Asiatic Society of Japan, Yokohama; Société Physico-Mathématique, Kasan, Russia; Société Imp. des Naturalistes, Moscow, Russia; Société des Naturalistes de la Nouvelle Russie, Odessa; Comité Géologique, Imp. Russian Geographical Society, St. Petersburg; Statistika Central Byråns, Stockholm, Sweden; Société R. des Antiquaires du Nord, Copenhagen, Denmark; Académie R. des Sciences, etc., Etat Indépendant du Congo, Bruxelles, Belgique; Société Hongroise de Géographie, Budapest; K. K. Zool.-botanische Gesellschaft, Oesterreichische Touristen-Club, Vienna; Physiologische Gesellschaft, Verein zur Beförderung des Gartenbaues, Berlin, Prussia; K. Sächs. Meteorologisches Institut, Chemnitz; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden, Prussia; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Freiburg-i.-B., Baden; Deutsche Seewarte, Hamburg, Germany; M. Henri de Saussure, Geneva, Switzerland; Société des Sciences Phys. et Naturelles, Bordeaux, France; Société Historique, Littéraire etc., du Clur, Bourges, France; Société N. des Sciences Nat. et Mathématiques, Cherbourg, France; Société de Borda, Dax, France; Union Géographique du Nord de la France, Douai, France; Société des Sciences Nat. et Archéologique de la Creuse, Guéret, France; Société Languedocienne de Géographie, Montpellier, France; Sociétés Géologique de France, de Géographie, de l'Enseignement, de Physique, d'Anthropologie, Musée Guimet, Directeur de la Rédaction *Melusine*, Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Ministre des Travaux Publics, Paris, France; M. Ed. Piette, Rumigny, France; Société des Antiquaires de la Morinie, St. Omer, France; Société de Géographie, Toulouse, France; R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid, Spain; Philological Society, Cambridge, Mass.; R. Astronomical Society, Royal Society, London, Eng.; Geological Society, Manchester, Eng.; R. Society of Antiquaries of Ireland; Commissioner of Public Records, Chief of Bureau of Statistics of Labor, Mass. Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.; Museum of Comp. Zoölogy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Travelers'

Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.; Meteorological Observatory, Amer. Mathematical Society, Amer. Institute of Electrical Engineers, Amer. Geographical Society, New York, N. Y.; Mr. R. P. Potts, Camden, N. J.; Free Public Library, Jersey City, N. J.; Penna. Board of Charities and Committee on Lunacy, Harrisburg; Engineers' Club, Maritime Exchange, Hon. G. F. Edmunds, Dr. Walter M. James, Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Editors of *Chemical Journal* and *American Journal of Philology*, Baltimore, Md.; Anthropological Society, Smithsonian Institution, Departments of the Interior and State, Washington, D. C.; Academy of Science, St. Louis, Mo.; Editors of *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, Granville, O.; College Library, Oberlin, O.; State Board of Health, Nashville, Tenn.; University of California, Berkeley; Field Columbian Museum, Academy of Sciences, Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.; Geological and Natural History Survey of Minnesota, St. Paul; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Amherst, Mass.; Ithaca, N. Y.; State College, Pa.; Newark, N. J.; Lafayette, Ind.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Observatorio Meteorol. Central, Observatorio Astron. N. de Tacubaya, Mexico, Mex.; Observatorio Meteorol. Central del estado de Veraacruz Llave, Xalapa, Mex.

A photograph for the Society's Album was received from Dr. Edward A. Foggio, Philadelphia.

Mr. Sachse presented two pictures. The one is a copy of a pencil sketch of the Hall of the Philadelphia Academy, in which this Society held its meetings for many years, drawn to scale by Pierre E. du Simitière. The other picture is a print published in 1790 of the present Hall of the Society as it was at that time.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Sachse for his gift. The Special Committee on Prof. Hilprecht's Paper on Cuneiform Inscriptions reported favorably, and the Publication Committee also reported recommending its publication. On motion, the paper was ordered to be published.

On behalf of the Curators, Dr. Morris reported that they

had met and considered the letter of Mr. Meehan with reference to the botanical collections of Lewis and Clark, and other collections such as those of Muhlenberg, Burton, Bettors and Short, now in the museum of the Society, and had passed a resolution recommending their deposit on the usual conditions with the Academy of Natural Sciences; but after further examination of them Mr. Meehan had written, stating that unless they could be given to the Academy they had better remain where they now are, and expressing a desire that the Society should at some future time establish a herbarium of its own, to which he thought the Academy of Natural Sciences would gladly contribute some of its duplicates.

Dr. Morris moved the discharge of the Curators from further consideration of the matter at present.

The death was announced of the Rev. William H. Furness, D.D., on January 30, 1896, æt. 93; and the President was requested to appoint a member to prepare an obituary notice.

The President announced that he had appointed Dr. Brinton to prepare the obituary of Henry Hazlehurst, and F. D. Stone that of William John Potts, and that the appointments had been accepted.

Prof. Cope made a communication illustrating by black-board sketches the structure of heads of certain Cetaceans.

Pending nominations 1332 to 1342 and 1344 and 1345 were read.

Dr. Brinton asked the decision of the Chair as to whether any action could be taken on the report of the Special Committee which was read at the last meeting.

The President decided that the matter was finally concluded.

Dr. Green moved that the report of the Committee be entered in full on the minutes. Adopted.

There being no further business, the rough minutes were read and the Society adjourned by the President.